

Warden can superintend and inspect the Fisheries over so extensive a District of over 200 miles.

"Your Committee recommend that the several Wardens in their respective Districts be empowered to destroy all grilse or small mesh nets which they may seize, and to seize and sell any nets illegally set, with power to destroy such nets, in cases where they find it inconvenient or impossible to sell.

"That the sale and purchase of speared Salmon should be rigidly prevented under heavy penalties, and that all speared Salmon should be seized by the Warden or Overseers of Fisheries, and forfeited and sold, the purchaser of all such to be subject to the like penalty as contained in general Rule No. 10; and in order to carry out the same, your Committee recommend that in Rule No. 10, after the words "taken out of season," the following words should be added, "*or killed at any time by spearing.*"

"That the several and respective Wardens should transmit to the Government monthly reports of the performance of their duty; that such report should be a sort of diary, containing dates, offences, names of offenders, penalties, name of Magistrate before whom tried, proceedings in cases of illegal nets and seining, with the particulars of seizure and sale, or other disposal of such nets: That the annual report of the Wardens should contain the monthly returns in full, with a return of the taxes collected and fines imposed and realized, and from whom, and all moneys paid over to the Treasurer on account of the Fisheries; and also such general observations and information which, in the opinion of the Warden, may lead to amendments in the Fishery Law.

"Your Committee recommend that the Government cause to be printed at least 1000 copies of the Fishery Law, with the regulations made thereunder, and distribute the same throughout the Fishery districts of this Province for general information.

"The Committee regret extremely that the arrangements made for the leasing of the Fisheries on the Sea Coast and Islands at the mouth of the Miramichi, have hitherto proved unavailing; this is much to be regretted, not only on account of the loss of Revenue which would otherwise have been obtained, but also as rendering hopeless the making arrangements in other Fishery districts—some legislation must be had on this point. The rights of passage over tidal waters and of fishing afloat off the beaches and Coast, and the Islands of this Province along the said Coast, are regarded as common and open to all; any limitation of such right would be watched with great jealousy; but if a revenue is to be derived from the fisheries in such places, some limitation of this right for the public good and the encouragement and ultimate preservation of the fisheries, must be submitted to. The Committee therefore recommend this subject to the consideration of the Government.

"Respectfully submitted.

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J. H. GRAY,
ROBT. YOUNG, (except as
regards tax on nets.)
JAMES BOYD.

Committee Room, 11th April, 1864."

Ordered, That the Report be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

*Resolved, That the House do again go into Committee of the whole on—
A Petition from James Murray, to be reimbursed loss of a Letter enclosing*